ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT / Docks & Piers

ARTICLE NO. 42: To see if the Town will vote to insert the text below into Brewster Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 179-13 (Regulations effective in all districts): Insertion:

Paragraph E.) All docks and piers on freshwater ponds in the Town of Brewster shall conform to the Brewster Wetlands Protection Bylaws.

or to take any other action relative thereto. (Two-thirds Vote Required) (Citizens Petition)

SUMMARY

This article proposes that the Brewster Regulations for Docks and Piers be included within the Zoning Bylaws. Docks and piers are structures which are currently excluded from any Brewster Zoning Regulations. The current Brewster Regulations for Docks and Piers within Conservation define permitted dimensions, elevation and orientation, permitted building materials, hazardous materials, and utilities restrictions. All of the aforementioned items logically and naturally should fall under the ownership of the Brewster Building and Zoning Department and no change is requested in the current dock and pier regulations.

By including these regulations within the Zoning Bylaws, the town will be better prepared to regulate them as they do with other built structures in Brewster and ensure their safety and conformity to code. This reference to the Brewster Wetlands Protection Bylaws will also ensure Brewster zoning laws are consistent with surrounding towns which have zoning regulations for such structures.